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From perch a few inches long (pictured above) to full-metre muskie, Ottawa offers world-class fishing in the downtown core. Licence-free week in Ontario might be the perfect time to try the sport yourself. See metroNEWS. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

'We certainly will be ready'

2015 ELECTION

Four Ottawa ridings still don't have NDP candidates

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

With the summer pre-election blitz already in full swing and the federal campaign just over 100 days away, the official Opposition NDP has yet to nominate candidates in four of Ottawa's nine ridings.

The New Democrats have not nominated candidates in the ridings of Carleton, Nepean, Ottawa-Vanier and Ottawa West-Nepean.

The Liberals have nominated candidates in all nine ridings, while the Conservatives have nominated candidates in all but one riding.

The NDP attributes the situation to its "truly member-driven" nomination process, in which riding associations undertake the candidate search and then request nomination meeting dates.

"Our nomination process is member-driven and genuinely democratic, while still also being centrally co-ordinated," said federal NDP spokesman George Soule. "This process obviously takes longer than having a leader hand-pick candidates and then just call it democratic."

There are no scheduled dates for nomination meetings in any of the ridings yet, he said. But there has been a lot of interest, particularly recently.

"We certainly will be ready for the 2015 election."

The NDP has one Ottawa member of Parliament — Paul Dewar, elected three times in Ottawa Centre. He's facing a challenge from the Liberal candidate, lawyer Catherine McKenna. The Conservative candidate is Damian Konstantinakos.

> **This process obviously takes longer than having a leader hand-pick candidates and then just call it democratic.**
> George Soule, federal NDP spokesman

The NDP has not nominated a candidate in Ottawa-Vanier, which Liberal MP Mauril Belanger has held since 1995. The Conservatives have nominated David Piccini.

But the other ridings in which the NDP have yet to choose a candidate aren't such safe ground.

Ottawa West-Nepean — which, technically, is a byelection because of John Baird's resignation this year, although the vote falls on the same day as the general election (Oct. 19) — has no incumbent candidate. The Conservatives have nominated Ottawa police officer Abdul Abdi and the Liberals have nominated Anita Vandenbeld.

Three NDP candidates — Alex Cullen, Marlene Rivier and Shawn Sutherland — have declared their candidacy, but a nomination meeting has yet to be scheduled.

In Nepean, the Conservatives have nominated Andy Wang, a 27-year-old former aide to Employment Minister Pierre Poilievre. The Liberal candidate is businessman Chandra Arya.

The new riding of Carleton is seen as safe territory for Poilievre. The Liberals have nominated government analyst Chris Rodgers in the riding.

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Widow, injured soldier win $134 million in damages against Khadr. **Canada**

5 THINGS OTTAWA THIS WEEKEND

It's not fair Canada Day was on Wednesday. Now the unwise among us who did not book extra vacation days or call in sick are left slogging it out over two days of 9-to-5. And while it might seem tempting to leave work on Friday and sleep until Sunday, there's still plenty of post-Canada Day fun to be had in Ottawa. Find that second burst of energy because summer is here for a good time, not a long time. Those who booked vacation have no excuse to miss out. Here are a few ideas for your second round of festivities this week. **LUCY SCHOLEY** METRO

1 Quebec Brewery Market

Where: Hendrick Farm, Chelsea Que.
When: Saturday, July 4, noon until 8 p.m.

What better way to recover from a Canada Day hangover than by drinking Quebec craft beer? Gainsbourg, Brasseurs du Temps and Microbrasserie Goudale are among the brews on tap, with local Gatineau Hills restaurants helping to fill bellies. And there's no need to worry about driving home: a round-trip shuttle leaving 250 City Centre Dr. is sure to make that cold beer taste even better.

2 The Comedy of Errors

Where: Various venues
When: Every evening at 7 p.m. (except Sundays) till Aug. 15

Now in its 25th year, Ottawa's original Shakespearean company, A Company of Fools, is bringing back the play that started it all. The Comedy of Errors stars two sets of identical twins who reunite after being separated at birth. Tickets cost a suggested donation of $15.

3 Music and Beyond

Where: Various venues
When: July 4 until July 17

So many music festivals, so little time. Right on the heels of the TD Ottawa Jazz Festival, Music and Beyond will fill Ottawa venues with more than 85 classical music concerts. Although it starts on Saturday, the big event is the Ottawa Family Music Expo on Sunday. It's a day of free music, but they request you to bring non-perishable food for the Ottawa Food Bank.

4 Independence Day

Where: Ambassador's residence
When: Saturday, July 4, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

U.S. Ambassador to Canada Bruce Heyman will once again host his annual Fourth of July Independence Day celebration on the grounds of his residence. Toronto funk band the Digs will keep the festivities going.

5 Ottawa Redblacks home opener

Where: TD Place
When: Saturday, July 4, 6 p.m.

The Ottawa Redblacks face the B.C. Lions on Saturday. If football is not your thing, then take the kids to the Glebe for a pre-game day of activities and sights, including balloonists, stilt walkers and live music along Bank Street. Serena Ryder is playing a free show the previous night, but tickets are unsurprisingly all snatched up.

New producer hired to bring out Capital Pride

30TH ANNIVERSARY

Festival to show strides made by the LGBT community

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

With almost a month before its 30th anniversary, the Capital Pride organization has announced the hiring of a new producer to help resurrect the beleaguered festival.

Joanne Hughes, who has extensive experience running events in the city, including the acclaimed Ottawa Lumière Festival, will be at the helm of Capital Pride, which runs Aug. 17 to 23.

In a news release, Hughes is quoted as saying she wants to ensure the festival is "financially viable, and that it is inclusive and welcoming to all members of the Rainbow Community."

Hughes replaces Mauricio Olivares, who resigned in May for health reasons, according to Tammy Dopson, chairwoman of the capital pride organization's community advisory committee.

At the time, she said his departure did not come as a surprise.

The organization is partnering with the Bank Street BIA to revive several events including the City of Ottawa Flag Raising Tour, the family picnic, health and fitness day, the community fair, the Mr. and Ms. Capital Pride Pageant, the Rainbow Party, and the Pride parade, which will be focused on Bank Street.

Capital Pride paraders cruise down Laurier Avenue in 2014. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO FILE

To commemorate the 30th anniversary milestone, there will also be a showcase of archived material from past Capital Pride events.

"This year we want to commemorate how far we've come together and reaffirm our trust in all that this community can do when unified," Oren Howlett, a spokesman for the event, told reporters earlier this month.

> **We are ... just trying to organize a really good party.**
> Tammy Dopson

Following a meeting last December, the previous Capital Pride organization declared bankruptcy after allegedly failing to pay several sponsors.

A creditor's report showed the former Capital Pride was $130,000 in debt. The report also claimed the City of Ottawa was owed $7,717.

Even so, the city has granted $36,000 to the pride festival this year.

The board dissolved the organization and a new group, with Dopson at the helm, stepped in to bring back the festival. "The people at the table are there for all the right reasons," Dopson previously said.

"We truthfully are just trying to organize a really good party for the 30th anniversary because this town deserves it."

Hughes has worked with many LGBT groups and will be managing a team of 20 volunteers throughout the week.

WITH FILES FROM HALEY RITCHIE AND JOE LOFARO

DEVELOPMENT

Tower shrunk down

A controversial condo tower slated for Rideau Street will be back before the planning committee on Tuesday.

Developer Richcraft is bringing a scaled-back version of the 18-storey building it proposed almost two years ago.

The new mixed-use tower — which will be squeezed on a block between Rideau and Besserer Streets, off Cobourg — consists of 14-storey, 11-storey and 3.5-storey portions.

The Uptown Rideau Community Design Plan — the still-in-progress planning document for the area — outlines a mix of "high-quality architecture" and pedestrian-friendly sidewalks. Buildings of only up to nine storeys are permitted, but "in some areas and under certain conditions, high-rise building typologies may have benefits for neighbouring properties over mid-rise buildings," reads a city report.

The zoning for that block has been in the works for more than a decade. In 2004, the Ontario Municipal Board approved a nine-storey maximum height for the area. However, the ruling was contingent on the city approving the site plan, which has yet to happen.

Action Sandy Hill, the area's community association, was among the groups that opposed the tower.

"We would like to reiterate that we want Rideau Street to be a vibrant traditional mainstreet," reads the group's comments in a city report. "It is a very sad commentary on urban development in Ottawa that this street was just that for nearly a century until large-scale urban renewal initiatives were launched in Lowertown and Sandy Hill in the 1960s. Rideau Street was devastated by those early urban planning initiatives and has never recovered."

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GREAT OUTDOORS

Urban anglers catch trophy fish without leaving town

Haley Ritchie
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Think you need to drive an hour to the cottage to do some quality fishing? Ottawa's urban anglers say think again — trophy fish can be caught everywhere from the Ottawa River to the Rideau Canal.

"If you work a nine to five downtown, you don't necessarily have time to get away. Lots of people are without vehicles that would allow them to get out," said Robert Conley, who has been fishing in the heart of the city for five years.

When he first moved to Ottawa, he didn't even bring his rod and tackle, thinking he'd have to give it up.

"Urban fishing means you can be off at 5:00 and hitting the water in 10 minutes," he said.

Conley doesn't keep most of what he catches — he has friends who do, and while they are technically edible in small portions, you need to do your research.

He's in it for the sport, and regularly catches a variety of species — some up to a metre long.

Whether you're chasing largemouth in the canal or little fish at Dow's Lake, fishing offers more than an adrenalin rush. For many, it's a way to connect to nature in the middle of the city.

"You can watch birds and you can see deer along the side of the road, but fish are one of the few opportunities you have to feel and touch a wild animal," said professional angler and educator Lawrence Gunther.

"It makes a connection between a child and nature that's much stronger than you could ever have just by watching on TV or the Internet."

TRY IT OUT

This week, from July 4 to 12, is licence-free week in Ontario and a perfect time to try fishing.

The key to having fun while starting out — especially with kids — is to make sure you catch fish as soon as possible. To do that, target small common species that school in big groups.

Get your hands on a rod and reel (the cheapest ones available at Canadian Tire run for $20), small hooks, a bobber and either worms or uncooked hotdogs. Consider bringing pliers or gloves to help unhook the fish.

Head down to Dow's Lake near the marina, drop in a hook close to the shore with a tiny piece of hotdog or worm and just wait for the nibbles.

Drew Lander spends his Victoria Day fishing and enjoying the warm weather in the Ottawa River in this file photo. PAWEL DWULIT/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Bass

Large and smallmouth bass are another common fish in the rivers and canal. Still technically sunfish, bass are known for putting up a fight on the line. They can grow to large sizes and mostly feed on smaller fish, crayfish and insects.

Sunfish

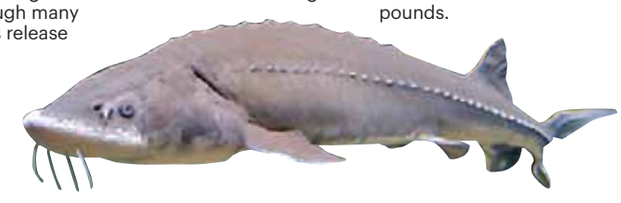
The easiest fish to catch in the canal and river systems are the plentiful palm-sized creatures known as panfish or sunfish. It's easy to find a school of bluegills, pumpkinseeds and perch — with a small hook and tiny piece of worm or hotdog, kids can be pulling them up all afternoon.

Walleye

Walleye or pickerel is a spooky-looking fish with sharp needle teeth and milky eyes that glow at night. It's also a common fish in both of Ottawa's rivers and known for "good eating" although many urban anglers release their catches.

Sturgeon

Like the gar, the lake sturgeon is an ancient species of fish. Sturgeons were once heavily hunted and are now a protected species, although they are still sometimes caught and released in the Ottawa. They can grow to be more than 200 pounds.

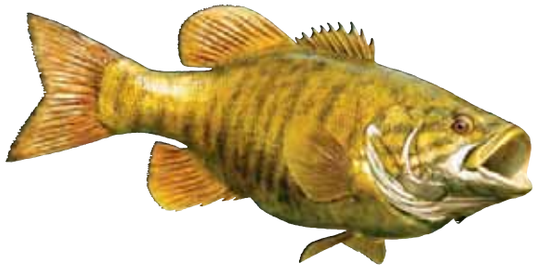


Muskellunge

Commonly known as muskie or "the fish of a thousand casts," these mighty beasts are unusually plentiful in the Ottawa area and can grow over a metre long. They are considered rare trophy fish and a tourist attraction around the city.

Gar

The long-nose gar is a tricky fish to land. It has a skinny body and a long, boney snout. The Ontario record came from the Ottawa River, at 149 centimetres long and weighing 20 pounds.



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Ottawa gets wet to beat summer heat

THINGS TO DO

Wading pools
There are 56 different wading pools open to the public in parks around the city, with varying water levels.

Pools
The city has 13 indoor pools for rainy days and eight outdoor pools.

Beaches
Ottawa has four beaches within the city, but E. coli levels or rough conditions sometimes close water access.

Splash pads
The city has tons of urban splash pads, most open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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RECREATION

Music at city parks and pools this summer

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Now that summer has officially arrived, special events for kids will be rotating through the city's 56 wading pools for the next three months.

The four "major special events" include an aboriginal dance program at Sandy Hill Park, musicians Caribbean Fête with Tarrah Mauricette in Pushman Park, a Rhythm Works show in Michele Heights and a performance by Luv2Grooce in Hampton Park.

The other regular events offer kids a chance to take a break from swimming and do crafts, play games and get their faces painted.

The events will complement other park-centric recreation programs like Waterplay, which organizes team games at city pools, and Park-ticipate, a drop-in program organizing crafts and games.

Two boys take a break from swimming at the Sandy Hill Park wading pool. Starting in July, daily activities and music acts are being offered at different pools across the city.
HALEY RITCHIE / METRO

CRIME

A most apologetic armed robber

He may have robbed six stores — sometimes while brandishing a large kitchen knife — but Ottawa police say the man they're looking for also appears to have felt bad about what he was doing.

They say the man apologized to the people he was robbing, in one case saying he needed the money to buy a bus ticket to see his son and in another case saying he needed cash to get to Toronto.

The robberies took place between June 27 and 29. Police say the man pulled out a big knife in several of the robberies, but he never used it to harm anyone.

Police say the man is white, about five-foot-eight, with a skinny-to-medium build, medium-length dirty blond hair and dirty teeth. He may have open sores on his face and hands.

Police say he is in his mid-20s or early 30s.

Anyone with information relating to the robbery is asked to call Ottawa police.
STEVE RENNIE/METRO

IN BRIEF

OC Transpo fare increase kicks in
Changes to OC Transpo fares officially went into effect Wednesday, but riders likely didn't notice until Thursday morning because of the free rides on Canada Day.

The 2.5-per cent increase will mean adult cash fares will go from $3.45 to $3.55.

Regularly monthly passes will now be $103.25 and Presto users will be charged $2.84 per ride.

Transit commissioners approved the hike in February, due to the impact of increasing operating fees on the $478-million budget.
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City's southeast to lose door-to-door mail

CANADA POST

Shift will affect 15,676 new addresses

Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

Canada Post notified residents and city officials in Ottawa on Thursday that thousands of people in Blackburn Hamlet, the Pleasant Park area and Alta Vista will be next on the door-to-door mail delivery chopping block.

The conversion to community mailboxes will affect 15,676 addresses in 2016, with postal codes starting K1A, K1G and K1H.

This will add to the 50,746 households in the Ottawa area already slated to lose door-to-door service by the end of this year.

Canada Post announced in 2013 its plans to overhaul delivery of snail mail, which is on the decline nationwide. The plan has been met with considerable criticism from both residents and the postal workers' union, who fear community mailboxes will be a major inconvenience to access.

Residents in southeast Ottawa who will be affected by the latest conversion are supposed to receive a mail-in survey in order to provide feedback about the new delivery method, said Canada Post.

The statement from Canada Post stated no full-time or part-time employees are losing their jobs as a result of the conversion and most of the workforce will be trimmed through attrition.

Just under 8,000 addresses in Kanata were the first ones in the capital region to lose mail at the door last year through the Crown corporation's five-year plan.

In that period, it hopes to convert five million households to community mailbox service.

A mail carrier makes a delivery in December 2013. More than 66,000 homes are slated to lose door-to-door service across Ottawa. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Man pleads guilty to abusing his dog

An elderly man from Vars, Ont., has pleaded guilty to tying his German shepherd to the back of his truck and dragging it for half a kilometre as a form of punishment.

The Ottawa Humane Society said Adrien Paquette, 73, pleaded guilty on June 22 to unnecessarily causing suffering to his two-year-old dog Tyson and uttering threats to neighbours who tried to intervene.

Paquette carried out the brutal punishment in March 2014 in an attempt to teach the dog a lesson after it ran away from his home in Vars, about half an hour's drive southeast of downtown Ottawa, according to the Humane Society.

After the incident, Tyson was brought into the Humane Society for medical care for cuts and scrapes to his paws and mouth as well as a "terrible" ear infection that was not related to the abuse.

Bruce Roney, Ottawa Humane Society executive director, said at the time Tyson was "lucky to be alive."

The pup was adopted shortly after the incident.

Paquette is scheduled to attend a sentencing hearing on Sept. 2.

After the owner entered the guilty plea in court, Roney said, "We're pleased this person has owned up to his crime and we hope the courts recognize the severity in September."

In a newsletter issued this week, the Humane Society said Tyson healed quickly after receiving medical care.

The case was one of two serious incidents of animal cruelty to make headlines in the Ottawa area in 2014.

Last year, a 24-year-old man pleaded guilty to beating Breezy, the 18-month-old Labrador-shepherd that was nearly killed with a shovel and rake before being tossed in a dumpster. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Tyson, a German shepherd, suffered cuts to his paws and mouth after being dragged approximately 500 metres behind his owner's truck. OTTAWA HUMANE SOCIETY HO

IN BRIEF

Ottawa police make eight arrests on Canada Day

It was a relatively quiet July 1 for Ottawa police who made eight arrests related to Canada Day festivities and reported no major incidents.

Only one of the arrests was related to criminal activity, police said. The remaining incidents involved infractions under the Liquor License Act and the Highway Traffic Act, according to spokesman Const. Chuck Benoit.

He said weather might have been a factor since attendance on and near Parliament Hill on Wednesday was down from previous years.

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MARINE DISASTER

Philippines ferry flips, dozens killed

A ferry carrying 189 people, including at least one Canadian, capsized Thursday as it left a central Philippine port in choppy waters, leaving at least 36 dead and 26 others missing, coast guard officials said.

They said the Canadian was among at least 127 people from the M/B Kim Nirvana who were rescued by nearby fishing boats and coast guard personnel or swam to safety off Ormoc City on Leyte Island.

The name and hometown of the Canadian were not immediately available.

Coast guard spokesman Armand Balilo said the wooden outrigger ferry was leaving Ormoc for the Camotes Islands, about 44 kilometres to the south, when it was lashed by strong waves.

He said the captain and some of the crew were rescued and are in custody pending an investigation.

Coast guard officials and survivors said it wasn't immediately clear what caused the 36-ton ferry, which was carrying a heavy cargo of construction materials and bags of rice, to overturn.

Survivors told The Associated Press by cellphone that the bow suddenly rose from the water before the vessel flipped over on one side, turning it upside down and trapping passengers underneath. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BACKGROUND

At least three Americans and one Canadian are believed to have been on the ferry that capsized Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A woman raises her scarf to her face to protect herself from potential tear gas in front of European Commission offices in Athens Thursday, during a demonstration supporting the No vote for the upcoming referendum. LOUISA GOULIAMAKI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Greece: 'Yes' or 'No'?

ECONOMY

Battle on to sway vote in advance of referendum

The battle for Greek votes entered full swing Thursday ahead of a crucial weekend referendum that could decide whether the country falls out of the euro. For Greeks, particularly the elderly, the daily struggle to get cash ground on in the face of uncertainty.

Greece's rescue lenders have halted negotiations on a new financial aid program until after the vote on whether to accept reforms the creditors proposed last week in exchange for bailout loans.

That Greece will now need a third international bailout is a near certainty. The International Monetary Fund, one of the country's creditors in its two bailouts so far, said Thursday that the country needs debt relief and 50 billion euros ($56 billion) in new financing from October through 2018.

"We are in something of an unknown."
Francois Hollande, president of France

The analysis was made before Greece defaulted on IMF loans Tuesday and closed its banks Monday. The outlook is worse now.

Debt relief has been one of the main demands of Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' government, but it met with strenuous resistance in negotiations with Greece's creditors who, apart from the IMF, are other eurozone countries and the European Central Bank.

But Tsipras has also been adamant he does not want any more bailouts involving just loans — rather a different "growth pact" with Europe that will allow the economy to emerge from a depression.

Tsipras called the referendum for Sunday advocating voters reject creditors' proposals, saying it would put the country in a stronger negotiating position. The idea was dismissed by the head of the eurozone finance ministers' group, Jeroen Dijsselbloem. "That suggestion is simply wrong," Dijsselbloem told lawmakers in the Netherlands.

European officials and the Greek opposition have warned a "No" outcome Sunday could be tantamount to a decision to leave the euro. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TECHNOLOGY

Google gaffe labels black duo 'gorillas'

Google's new image-recognition program misfired badly this week by identifying two black people as gorillas, delivering a mortifying reminder that even the most intelligent machines still have lot to learn about human sensitivity.

The blunder surfaced in a smartphone screenshot posted online Sunday by a New York man on his Twitter account, @jackyalcine. The images showed the recently released Google Photos app had sorted a picture of two black people into a category labelled as "gorillas."

The account holder used a profanity while expressing his dismay about the app likening his friend to an ape, a comparison widely regarded as a racial slur when applied to a black person.

"We're appalled and genuinely sorry that this happened," Google spokeswoman Katie Watson said. "We are taking immediate action to prevent this type of result from appearing." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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LAWSUIT

U.S. judge rules against Khadr

A U.S. judge has granted $134.2 million US in damages to the widow of an American soldier killed in Afghanistan and another soldier partially blinded by a hand grenade in their lawsuit against former Guantanamo Bay prisoner Omar Khadr.

In their lawsuit, Tabitha Speer and Layne Morris alleged a teenage Khadr was responsible for the July 2002 death of Sgt. Christopher Speer and injuries to Morris in Afghanistan. Their case rested largely on Khadr's guilty plea to five war crimes before a widely maligned U.S. military commission in Guantanamo Bay in October 2010.

Khadr, now 28, who spent 10 years at Guantanamo Bay and was transferred to Canada in 2012, has since said he only pleaded guilty to get out of Guantanamo and is seeking to have his conviction overturned.

The plaintiffs acknowledged Thursday that there is little chance they will collect any of the money from him.

"It's really more of a statement case, I think, than a desire to collect this," said lawyer Laura Tanner, who represents Speer and Morris.

While Khadr is essentially penniless, having spent almost 13 years behind bars before finally being released on bail earlier this month, he is in the process of suing the Canadian government for $20 million for alleged violations of his civil rights.

"It's really more of a statement ... than a desire to collect."
Lawyer Laura Tanner

A Utah judge handed down the default judgment on June 8 after the suit got no answer from Khadr.

"Omar Khadr has been in jail so he can't defend himself," said his attorney, Dennis Edney.

Still, the plaintiffs' lawyers are seeking a Canadian law firm to help collect the money.

A Calgary lawyer who was consulted but not retained by the plaintiffs' legal team said an application must be brought before Canadian courts before the ruling can be enforced.

Gerald Chipeur said Canadian courts generally recognize U.S. judgments but there's always a possibility the ruling could be rejected. The big question is whether Khadr was given proper notice of the legal action against him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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ENVIRONMENT

BP commits $18.7B to states hurt by spill

Trying to close the books on the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history, BP agreed Thursday to provide billions of dollars in new money to five Gulf Coast states in a deal the company said would bring its total costs related to the disaster to an estimated $53.8 billion.

Federal and state government officials touted the record-breaking $18.7-billion agreement as a historic milestone in the Gulf Coast's recovery. The Deepwater Horizon disaster killed 11 rig workers and spewed millions of gallons of crude that stained beaches, coated wildlife and polluted marshes.

BP also gets a valuable return: the payments, to be made over 18 years, could be tax-deductible.

"This allows us to manage BP as an oil company," BP CEO Bob Dudley said during a conference call. He said BP could launch as many as 20 major new projects by 2020, depending on oil prices.

The Justice Department said Thursday's agreement would be the largest environmental settlement in U.S. history as well as the largest-ever civil settlement with a single entity.

BP's total spill-related cost estimate also includes roughly $29 billion on response and cleanup expenses, and compensation for coastal businesses and residents.

By staggering payments over 18 years, the deal would enable BP to pay dividends to shareholders and have enough financial flexibility for future deals and projects. The total is larger than BP had provisioned for, but without a settlement, the company faced still-larger Clean Water Act penalties.

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Outgoing CEO Ronald Boire at Sears Canada's headquarters in Toronto on Nov. 12, 2014. The company will be looking for its fourth chief executive officer in the last two years following their announcement that Boire will leave his post by the end of the summer. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Sears Canada CEO resigns

MANAGEMENT

Retail chain has had three top executives in two years

Sears Canada Inc. is looking for a chief executive officer again, following its announcement Thursday that Ronald Boire will depart at the end of this summer — less than a year after taking on the job.

He will become president and CEO of the Barnes & Noble chain of bookstores, effective Sept. 8, according to a statement from New York by the U.S. retailer.

Boire became the third CEO of Sears Canada in two years last fall. He followed Douglas Campbell who left in September 2014 and Calvin McDonald, who quit suddenly in September 2013 in the midst of a multi-year turnaround plan.

Sears Canada said the chairman of its board of directors, Brandon Stranzl, will take on a greater leadership role immediately.

In the company's first quarter, Sears Canada had a $59.1-million net loss for the first quarter as revenues dropped 9.7 per cent from the same period a year earlier.

Stranzl says he will work closely with employees and business partners as Sears Canada works to return to profitability.

"We are grateful for Ron's support as we search for and welcome a new CEO," Stranzl said in a statement. "In the meantime, the management team and I are fully engaged in executing the current strategy, designed to improve our retail operations so we can best serve Canadian communities from coast to coast."

Barnes & Noble Inc. noted in its announcement that Boire had extensive experience in retailing, including as executive and chief marketing officer for Sears and Kmart stores in the United States and as North American president of Toys "R" Us from 2006 through 2009.

Last week, Desjardins analyst Keith Howlett issued a report saying Sears Canada has less than two years to prove itself.

"The next seven quarters are 'make it or break it' for Sears Canada," Howlett wrote. "Our current view is that an operating turnaround is improbable."

Howlett's prediction suggests the fate of the company will be determined some time around the 2016 holiday season.

The company declined to comment on the Desjardins report. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Ford recalls more than 52,000 vehicles in Canada

Ford announced it is recalling 52,180 vehicles in Canada due to a software bug that could leave the car running after the ignition is turned off. The automaker said it is recalling a total of 433,000 vehicles across North America. Ford said it is unaware of any accidents or injuries related to the issue. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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THE KOHLER REPORT: ON HER TAMPON-TAX WINDFALL

The (tax-free) million-dollar question is, what am I going to do with all this extra money?

It's rare that I'm excited to buy tampons. It's an unavoidable chore that usually means the following few days will consist of being bloated, acne-ridden and fixated on finding a way to put chocolate in a salad. Accurate PMS stereotypes aside, this month I am excited to buy tampons because, for the first time in my life, I'll be buying them tax-free!

A few months ago I wrote about a petition that was collecting signatures for the No Tax On Tampons campaign, and, thanks entirely to my column, it worked! I'm kidding — it was really thanks to the hard work of activist Jill Piebiak and those around her, who managed to get the signatures on the paper and the tax off the tampons. As of July 1, tampons, sanitary napkins (a term only ever used in newspapers and health class) and menstrual cups are all GST-free. Oh, and sanitary belts are exempt, even though they stopped selling those in the '70s — this is like offering tax breaks to anyone using a rotary phone.

The (tax-free) million-dollar question is, what am I gonna buy with all this extra money? I feel I should dedicate it to the female corner of my life, since that's where the windfall came from, but that's still a pretty broad — pun! — category.

Yesterday, while strolling through one of those gift stores that sells everything from candles to wooden iPhone cases to no-petroleum-gluten-free-will-not-cause-autism lip balms, I pondered purchasing a Frida Kahlo magnet set for my fridge. I know Frida was a feminist and she means a lot to feminists, but it occurred to me I'm not 100 per cent sure why I know that. So I didn't buy those magnets for fear of being a phoney.

I also thought about purchasing a copy of Sheryl Sandberg's book Lean In: Women, Work and the Will To Lead. I hear it's full of great tips on how to assert yourself in the workplace. But I don't like to buy a new book while I'm reading another, so until I've finished Why Men Marry Bitches, I'm leaning out of that purchase.

I strongly considered putting my tax savings toward a menstrual cup, which, see above, would itself be a sans-tax purchase. And given that it's reusable, It would be the last menses-related product I'd ever have to buy. But. I. Just. Can't. I know they're better for the environment and I feel like they somehow symbolize women being strong and independent ("As long as I have food, water and this cup, nothing can stop me. Not even Aunt Flow."). That said, I guess I'm immature because when the thought crossed my mind, my first instinct was "Ew. No."

While taking the tax off of tampons is huge in terms of acknowledging the purchases a woman makes to deal with her period discreetly are not luxuries, it's not huge in terms of savings. I might be clearing about eight bucks a year, which isn't buying me much more than half a movie ticket. BTW, what happened at the end of Jurassic World? Were there dinosaurs?

Luckily, one thing I do not have to buy is a sense of satisfaction. Thanks to Jill Piebiak, I already have one.

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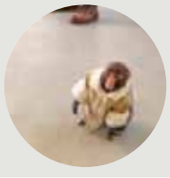
Happy face/Sad face

From **gender-bending lizards** to **pilfered potatoes**, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week

Monkey business to stay open

The IKEA monkey won't be homeless after all. Darwin the rhesus macaque, made famous in 2012 after being found outside a Toronto IKEA, has been living, by court order, at an Ontario primate sanctuary. The farm was about to close for financial reasons this week when an anonymous donor saved the day. Darwin, who handlers call "mischievous, energetic and ... adolescent," will keep frolicking on the farm for the foreseeable future.

SOURCE: THE CANADIAN PRESS



The beer-to-barley cycle

Denmark's Roskilde music festival will feature the usual drinking, dancing and partying this year — with a little something extra. Some porta-potties are being eschewed in favour of communal troughs that will collect revellers' urine for reuse as fertilizer for beer barley. Organizers hope to divert 25,000 litres of nitrogen-rich pee to barley fields — a very literal example of "What goes around, comes around."

SOURCE: THE GUARDIAN

A reward to dig up the potato tamperer

Months after metal needles were found in Prince Edward Island potatoes, the P.E.I. Potato Board has offered $500,000 for intel on the person responsible. Wild theories (but few facts) about the spud tamperer abound. Last fall, workers in P.E.I. found needles in potatoes they were processing. Four provinces got unpleasant surprises in their potato imports, but the tainted spuds never made it to stores. SOURCE: VICE

The sex-swapping species

Rising temperatures are creating some gender-bending bearded dragons. The sex of the Australian lizards can be determined either genetically or according to temperature during gestation — a trick many reptiles can do. But until now, they weren't thought to switch between male and female. Research published in the journal Nature found genetically male bearded dragons were living as females in the outback, and were even able to mate with regular males to produce fertile offspring.

SOURCE: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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A church becoming a community space is the next best thing

Nuns in Los Angeles are doing to Katy Perry what Apple couldn't do to Taylor Swift: They're saying no.

No, Katy Perry, you cannot buy our convent.

Word is, Perry wants the sprawling building for her new home. But the nuns have already chosen a different buyer (plus, they don't like her videos). You'd think the most ironic fate for a holy building is to end up in the hands of a half-dressed pop star, until you remember Perry's uber-religious upbringing and the fact that churches are becoming all kinds of things these days.

I live around the corner from a 126-year-old church-turned-luxury-condo. In Ottawa, one old church is now a private home. In Quebec — home to half of this country's approximately 13 million Catholics — churches are becoming gyms and seniors centres. In Europe, one church is now a skateboard park; another, a Frankenstein-themed pub.

The sales boil down to whether parishes pull in enough money to maintain the churches, and whether enough people are filling the pews to justify staying open.

Some might say there's nothing more sacrilegious than to see a stained-glass Jesus become the backdrop for a set of dead weights or a soaker tub. But as a Catholic, I say go for it. It's better to preserve the signs of faith than demolish them altogether.

Sure, I'd rather a church stay a church, both for the religious and for everyone else who benefits from community space in which to house a neighbourhood daycare, say, or dinners for homeless people. Most church doors are always open to people who have nowhere else to go.

If a former church transforms into some variation of a community space, that's the next best thing. A private home would be the least best thing.

But as René Laprise, director of media relations for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, told me, bishops have to be pragmatic about their real estate deals.

"If it happened it became a nightclub, I don't think they would be happy," Laprise said. But when you're no longer the owner, he added, "what can you say?"

When a church falls out of religious use, the spiritual call to reckon with what life is for and how we should live, gets quieter. But cities change. And while bricks and stones can't hold a faith, they do carry its residue. Even if you renovate around the vaulted ceilings and towering spires, the church gets the last word: God was (and is always, to believers) here.

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Discovery's Shark Week to refocus after 'pseudoscience' criticism last year

He's back

One of the most quotable lines in cinema was a source of debate between director James Cameron and Arnold Schwarzenegger, who's back to reprise his role in Terminator Genisys. CONTRIBUTED

MOVIES

A simple catchphrase would define a career in film

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse

Where would Arnold Schwarzenegger's career be without these three simple words: "I'll be back"? Taken from The Terminator, it's as simple a phrase as was ever uttered in the movies but became a pop culture catchphrase and came to define Arnold's career on screen and off.

He's used the line — or a slight variation on it — in three other Terminator movies and eight other films. In 1993's Last Action Hero, he says it three times! He utters it one more time as he jumps from one helicopter to another in this weekend's Terminator Genisys.

Few actors have done so much with so little. But the perfectly crafted saying almost didn't happen.

"In the treatment it was 'I'll come back,'" The Terminator director and co-writer James Cameron told me. "In the script it was 'I'll be back.' I don't remember why I changed it. It just sounded better."

The line certainly played no small part in establishing Schwarzenegger's larger-than-life action hero image even though Arnold had problems with it when they were shooting the film.

In his autobiography, Total Recall, Schwarzenegger recalls, "Our biggest disagreement was about 'I'll be back.' I was arguing for 'I will be back'. I felt that the line would sound more machine-like and menacing without the contraction.

"(But) we shot it as written in the script. The truth was that, even after all these years of speaking English, I still didn't understand contractions."

"There is something about the way the line plays," says Cameron, "not just Arnold's delivery, but the fact that you've seen enough of him in action up to that point to know that when he says 'I'll be back,' something really bad is going to happen. There is a counterpoint between the innocence of the words and the threat that is a wink to the audience. And the audience likes to be in the position of knowing what is going to happen next. They may not know the details, but they know something bad is going to happen and then it pays off. He just comes flying through the window in a car and takes out the whole place. So there is something kind of delicious about the anticipation that it produces."

The line's popularity wasn't planned. Cameron, who has three quips on AFI's 100 Years ... 100 Movie Quotes list — "I'll be back," "Hasta la vista, baby" from T2, and Titanic's "I'm king of the world!" — says it is a bad idea to try and write catchphrases.

"I think it is a very hard thing to try and do that," he says. "I think I was somewhat self-conscious about it when I did Terminator 2 and he says 'Hasta la vista, baby.' That I knew I was doing a line, an Arnold line. I think it is a very dangerous area because it can so easily blow up on you and I tend not to do that."

Schwarzenegger has been associated with dozens of one-liners. So many, in fact that a YouTube video titled 160 Greatest Arnold Schwarzenegger Quotes has over 20 million hits.

But as widely imitated as "Hasta la vista, baby" was — even Chilean president Michelle Bachelet aped Arnold's famous delivery of the line — "I'll be back" remains his most iconic line.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Terminator Genisys ★★★
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BEHIND THE SCENES

An excellent adventure

Deep Web is such an important tale for the digital age that Alex Winter felt compelled to turn to crowdfunding to finish the production, narrated by his Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure co-star Keanu Reeves.

Winter promised to join donors of $10,000 on a yacht anywhere around the globe and play air guitar until his arms fell off, referring to his famous onscreen character from the 1989 flick.

"We did that as kind of a crowdfunding joke but then we did get a few takers, (but) we couldn't set them securely enough so I didn't end up doing it," laughed Winter. "You have to be careful what you wish for."

> **"It's mostly about finding these people and gaining their trust.**
> **Alex Winter, director**

Excellent Adventure is 26 years old. So how would the two dim-witted teens cope in the digital age?

"They can't cope in the physical space but they'd be completely screwed in the digital space," laughed the one-time actor. "I guess the upside is, they wouldn't have any idea how to get online in the first place."

Gaining trust

Making a movie about the online black market is not easy.

"It's a lot of legwork," said Winter. "It's mostly about finding these people and gaining their trust. That's where the lion's share of the work goes because you don't have a story without that."

STEVE GOW/FOR METRO

Dread Pirate Roberts, Silk Road creator Ross Ulbricht, and his family are the subjects of a new doc. ASSOCIATED PRESS/HANDOUT

Doc wades into dark waters

DOCUMENTARY

Deep Web explores life of Silk Road mastermind

Steve Gow
For Metro

In May, Ross Ulbricht was sentenced to life in prison. He wasn't a terrorist. He wasn't convicted of murdering anyone. The 31-year-old Texan managed a website.

Not just any website, mind you. Ulbricht was the mastermind behind Silk Road — a controversial darknet bazaar that facilitated the sales of everything from art to illicit drugs. Even before the arrest of Ulbricht, it was a world that engrossed actor-turned-director Alex Winter who made the Napster documentary Downloaded.

"The stakes keep getting higher but the issues are really the same — the ignorance and fear around the Napster story has just become magnified with the Silk Road," said Winter.

"With the arrest of Ross Ulbricht, the issues were becoming life and death and much bigger than just quibbling about Madonna tracks being taken for free."

In his latest film Deep Web, Winter purges the mysterious darknet (an area not indexed by standard search engines) and takes a look at such issues as digital rights, internet privacy and the "disparity between legal punishment in the physical space and legal punishment online" — questions that open many scary doors, especially considering the extent of Ulbricht's sentencing.

"From the get-go, I focused on Ross and his family," said Winter. "Those are the human beings at the centre of this story and the movie is very much focused on them and it doesn't bite off more than it can chew. It's not going to tell the whole story.

"What people understand is that what they're getting in the media isn't even the tip of the iceberg."

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Maya Forbes' debut film, Infinitely Polar Bear, delves into the life of Cam Stuart (Mark Ruffalo) struggling to hold his family together in 1970s Boston as he battles against his manic depression. SEACIA PAVAO/SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

Capturing life as a bipolar dad

INFINITELY POLAR BEAR

Mark Ruffalo talks research tactics for role in new film

Ned Ehrbar
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Delving into a character with mental illness can be a tricky business, but Mark Ruffalo had a unique avenue for research for his latest, Infinitely Polar Bear. First-time writer-director Maya Forbes hired Ruffalo to pretty much play her late father.

The indie calls on Ruffalo to portray Cam Stuart, struggling to raise his two daughters in 1970s Boston while his wife (fellow Marvel stable-mate Zoe Saldana) heads to graduate school in New York and his manic depression wreaks havoc on everyday life.

"I have bipolar family members, so it wasn't totally out of left field," Ruffalo says. "Then I met Maya and started hearing the stories about Cam and watching his Super 8 movies. It just felt like, OK I think I know the way into this. It feels right to me, and it's not a glossed-over, gilded version that as I get into doing research about I'm going to find some totally different person and then there's going to be some conflict between me and Maya about that."

In fact, conflict with Forbes was happily minimal. Ruffalo found her to be incredibly collaborative, something he holds in high regard. "I'd have my moments of rebellion, as any actor should at some point or another, but never felt like our views of it were divergent," he says. "All the great directors that I've worked with are able to take collaboration without being threatened by it. But it's atypical to first-time directors, that openness, to have that kind of strong vision that you're confident to take collaboration from everybody."

For Ruffalo, although the film puts Cam's bipolar disorder front and centre, it was important that didn't totally define the character.

"If you have a guy who's an a—hole who's in a wheelchair, he's still an a—hole. And if you have a really nice person in a wheelchair, they're still a really nice person," Ruffalo says. "Yes, who they are is informed by having to live in that wheelchair, but to some degree who that person is is essentially who they are, and bipolar is something that swings in and out of their life."

"So for me, the really important thing was getting the specifics of Cam, who Cam was. Cam was this person who had a lot of really interesting qualities about him and would've been a really interesting person without being bipolar. That was the impediment that the family had to deal with."

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The best Canadian folk fests

CANADA

Events pack in music, crafts, culture and the great outdoors

Steve Gow
For Metro

With today's kickoff of the 55th annual Mariposa Folk Fest, summer truly begins slightly north of Toronto!

A summertime tradition, folk festivals are as Canadian as poutine or author Pierre Berton, bringing thousands of tourists and fans together to celebrate music, culture and community outside.

Mariposa may be the "Grande Dame of Canadian Folk Fests," but there's strong competition across this great nation. Here's a look at Canada's most road trip-worthy fests to get your folk on this summer.

IF YOU GO
Bring sunscreen, mosquito repellent and rain gear. Take along a refillable water bottle and a chair or blanket, too.

Clockwise, from top left: Singer Myrna Lorrie performs at a previous Mariposa Folk Festival, revelling in the sun at the Winnipeg Folk Festival, Ottawa Folk Festival (now CityFolk) draws a crowd, and lighting up the Edmonton Folk Festival.
CLOCKWISE: FLICKR: ORPHEUS0310; WINNIPEG FOLK FESTIVAL; CITYFOLK; EDMONTON FOLK FESTIVAL

MARIPOSA FOLK FESTIVAL, July 3-5

Named in honour of humorist Stephen Leacock's fictional name for the town of Orillia, Mariposa was launched in 1961. Although it was forced to change locations several times over the decades, it finally returned to Orillia in 2000 and has flourished since, attracting such top-line acts as Gordon Lightfoot and Buffy Sainte-Marie.
This year's top draws: Lucinda Williams, Mary Chapin Carpenter
Folksy fact: Orillia hometown-boy Gordon Lightfoot was turned down for a spot at the very first festival.
More info: mariposafolk.com

WINNIPEG FOLK FESTIVAL, July 9–12

Everyone from Joan Baez to The Barenaked Ladies has been performing at the Winnipeg Folk Fest since its rise in the mid-1970s. A world-renowned event, the Winnipeg festival is recognized for its communal spirit, a lively campground (that hosts around 6,000 campers), sophisticated food vendors and the "Hand-Made Village," where local artisans showcase everything from soap to ceramics.
This year's top draws: Wilco, Jenny Lewis
Folksy fact: Each year, the festival generates more than $29 million for Winnipeg's economy.
More info: winnipegfolkfestival.ca

EDMONTON FOLK FESTIVAL, Aug. 6-9

Beginning in 1980 with one staff member and 300 volunteers, the four-day Edmonton Folk Fest now draws a huge crowd with a broad array of talent that ranges from Woodstock legend Richie Havens to hip-hop pioneers Arrested Development. Set in Gallagher Park, the venue is a wintertime ski hill that makes for a fantastic natural amphitheatre with Edmonton's downtown skyline acting as a dramatic backdrop at dusk.
This year's top draws: Sinead O'Connor, Of Monsters and Men
Folksy fact: An environmentally friendly event, Edmonton even uses cash registers run on solar power.
More info: edmontonfolkfest.org

CITYFOLK, OTTAWA, Sept. 16–20

The brand-new moniker for the re-imagined Ottawa Folk Festival, CityFolk will be rounding out the summer with crowds of 50,000. Now located at Lansdowne Park, CityFolk has broadened to include several mainstream acts along with local indie artists. "There's still a tip of a hat to folk," explained CityFolk's AJ Sauve of the evolving talent roster. "We want to attract a wide audience and at the same time, the loyal crowd we've always maintained."
This year's top draws: Van Morrison, Avett Brothers, UB40
Folksy fact: CityFolk is run by the same organization that hosts the Ottawa Bluesfest — one of the top 10 music festivals in the world, according to Billboard Magazine.
More info: cityfolkfestival.com

THERE'S MORE

Other notable Canadian folk festivals
- Vancouver Folk Festival: July 17-19
- Folk on the Rocks, Yellowknife: July 17-19
- Calgary Folk Music Festival: July 23-26
- Lunenburg Folk Harbour Festival, Nova Scotia: Aug. 6-9
- Regina Folk Festival: Aug. 7-9 STEVE GOW

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Rafael Nadal was eliminated from Wimbledon by 102nd-ranked Dustin Brown

WEEKEND, July 3-5, 2015

NHL

St. Louis calls it a career

Martin St. Louis announced his retirement Thursday after 16 NHL seasons, a Stanley Cup, Olympic gold medal and a handful of individual trophies to show for his career.

The Laval, Que., native was a seven-time all-star who won the Hart Trophy as MVP once and Art Ross Trophy as leading scorer twice. St. Louis also won the Lester B. Pearson (now Ted Lindsay) award as the players' most outstanding player and three times earned the Lady Byng for gentlemanly conduct.

St. Louis went from being undersized and undrafted to one of the most prolific scorers in the past two decades. He recorded 1,033 points on 391 goals and 642 assists in 1,34 games with the Calgary Flames, Tampa Bay Lightning and New York Rangers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Voynov gets three months in jail for beating his wife

Los Angeles Kings defenceman Slava Voynov was sentenced to three months in jail Thursday after pleading no contest to beating his wife after an argument at a Halloween party last year.

Voynov, 25, was also placed on probation for three years for misdemeanour corporal injury to a spouse. A felony domestic violence charge that alleged he caused great bodily injury was thrown out in exchange for the plea. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sizing up the latest moves

NHL free-agency day didn't have the wild money tossed around like usual, and trades overshadowed most signings. Yet there are still some clear winners and losers from Wednesday.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

WINNERS

Restraint: With the weakest free-agent pool in recent history, NHL general managers kept themselves from overpaying. No contract was longer than six years, Andrej Sekera's $33 million US with the Oilers was the most money and Mike Green's $6 million with the Red Wings the highest cap hit.

The Battle of Alberta: Edmonton continued its makeover by improving the blue line with Sekera, so the Calgary Flames brought back goaltender Karri Ramo at a reasonable $3.8 million and signed sought-after "utility tool" forward Michael Frolik. The next few seasons of this rivalry should be fun.

Phil Kessel: Traded to the Penguins, Kessel doesn't have to be in the spotlight on a team with Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Kris Letang. At a cap hit of $6.8 million, Kessel just has to score 30 — or more — goals and go about his business in Pittsburgh.

Toronto Maple Leafs: Getting rid of Kessel, even at 27 in the prime of his career, is a major step forward for the Leafs because it's the start of their real teardown. Now that Kessel is gone, Tyler Bozak and/or Joffrey Lupul could be next as management begins to rebuild.

Mike Green: Being a third-pairing defenceman with the Capitals was the slap in the face and Green said he needed to move on. The only defenceman to score 30 goals in a season in the past 10 years will be a top-four presence for the puck-moving Red Wings under new coach Jeff Blashill.

Phil Kessel will have the chance to shine alongside Sidney Crosby. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

LOSERS

Vancouver Canucks: Losing is a relative term in this market, but the Canucks embraced the team-in-transition label put on by GM Jim Benning. Getting Brandon Prust for Zack Kassian and a fifth-rounder is a downgrade, and replacing Kevin Bieksa with Matt Bartkowski doesn't make them better.

Ottawa Senators: Unable to get a top-six winger, the Senators also lost a nice player in Erik Condra, who signed a three-year deal with the Lightning. Eric O'Dell is a nice depth signing, but Condra's departure leaves a hole in Ottawa's forward ranks.

Winnipeg Jets: Bringing Alexander Burmistrov back from the KHL on a two-year deal softened the blow of losing Michael Frolik to the Calgary Flames, but that's still a bit of an unknown. Drew Stafford returned, which is a plus, but Frolik's absence will hurt more than anyone realizes.

Matt Beleskey: It's hard to say a player who cashed in on a $19-million free-agent deal is a loser, especially considering it's a major raise for the big winger. But Beleskey got less than most expected, and probably could have stayed in Anaheim at that price on a five-year contract.

Chicago Blackhawks: Spinning blossoming star Brandon Saad into centre Artem Anisimov and prospect Marko Dano was nice, but the cap-strapped Blackhawks will face some growing pains. Anisimov replaces Brad Richards, who left for Detroit, and unrestricted free agent Johnny Oduya's future is still unknown.

Matt Beleskey, who signed with Boston, could have gotten a better deal and stayed in Anaheim. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

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Japan a familiar foe to gritty Americans

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

U.S. has relied on stingy 'D' to set up rematch of 2011 final

It used to be that the U.S. women's national team was known more for its fierce attack. For the Women's World Cup in Canada, the Americans are finding success with a locked-down defence.

Goalkeeper Hope Solo, beleaguered at the start by new revelations in her domestic violence assault case last year, has been nearly perfect with five straight shutouts.

Her latest came on Tuesday night when the United States defeated top-ranked Germany in the semifinals before a raucous pro-American crowd at Montreal's Olympic Stadium.

In order to be the best team in the world at the World Cup, you have to beat the best teams.

American forward Abby Wambach on facing Japan in Sunday's championship.

Normally focused to the point of almost appearing stern, Solo broke into a smile caught by television cameras late in the match.

Now it's on to the title match set for Sunday at BC Place in Vancouver. The U.S. will face Japan in a rematch of the 2011 final. Japan beat England 2-1 Wednesday night in Edmonton.

The U.S. is 24-1-6 against Japan. But four years ago, Japan defeated the U.S. on penalty kicks after a 2-2 draw for its first World Cup title.

"We just beat the No. 1 team in the world in Germany and now we face Japan, another team that we have so much respect for," Abby Wambach said. "They have an amazing team and they're the reigning World Cup champions, so I think it's going to be a fantastic final."

The American women have won two World Cups, but the last championship came in 1999.

The U.S. has gone 513 minutes without conceding a goal. Only Australia, in the group-stage opener, managed to score against the Americans. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNDAY
In Vancouver
U.S. vs. Japan, 7 p.m.

Goalkeeper Hope Solo hugs coach Jill Ellis as the U.S. women celebrate their 2-0 win over Germany in Tuesday's semifinal at Olympic Stadium In Montreal. NICHOLAS KAMM/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

NBA

D-Wade ends drama, re-signs with Heat

After 12 years with the Miami Heat, Dwyane Wade needed a reminder of how much the franchise valued him.

Once he found out, any chance of him leaving vanished.

Wade accepted a $20-million, one-year deal on Thursday to stay with the Heat next season, ending his latest foray into free agency and wrapping up a weeks-long saga that had him seriously wondering about leaving for the first time. A pair of conversations, first with Heat CEO Nick Arison and then another with managing general partner Micky Arison, reminded Wade of what he meant to the team, and from there it was a matter of just making numbers work.

"Sitting down with Nick, sitting down with Micky and having conversations with them that I've never had, that was big for me," Wade said in a telephone interview. "I've never had a business conversation with one of them.... They got to show me how much they really wanted me to be here, how important it was for them that I continue to wear one jersey."

Dwyane Wade will be back with the Heat this fall. GETTY IMAGES

Without those conversations, Wade said, "I don't think we would be at this point."

Per NBA rules, the Heat could not comment other than saying that they intend to enter into a contract with Wade once the NBA moratorium period ends. Wade cannot sign his new deal until July 9. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Duncan not done dunkin'

Tim Duncan is returning to San Antonio for a 19th season.

Duncan tells the San Antonio Express-News that "I'll be on the court next year." Until Duncan made his announcement Thursday, there was speculation that he could call it a career. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jays sign son of Expos great

The Toronto Blue Jays signed international free agent Vladimir Guerrero Jr. on Thursday.

Guerrero Jr., the highly-touted 16-year-old son of former star Vladimir Guerrero, is a right-handed hitting outfielder. The six-foot 220-pounder was born in Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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- 1 cup diced yellow bell pepper
- 1/2 cup diced sweet onion
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 large garlic clove
- 2 lb yellow ripe tomatoes, diced
- 1/2 tsp sea salt
- 1/2 cup diced seeded red tomatoes
- Fresh basil
- 1 oz crumbled goat cheese (optional)

Directions
1. Remove inside of French bread and tear into pieces. Toss out crust. Add to hot water and let stand while preparing rest of soup.
2. In a large bowl of a food processor, add cucumber, peppers, onion, oil, lemon juice, garlic, yellow tomatoes, salt and softened bread. Puree for two to three minutes until fairly smooth. Serve in either bowls or shot glasses.
3. Garnish with diced red tomatoes, basil and goat cheese if using.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 110
- Carbohydrates 14 g
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- Protein 3 g
- Sodium 370 mg

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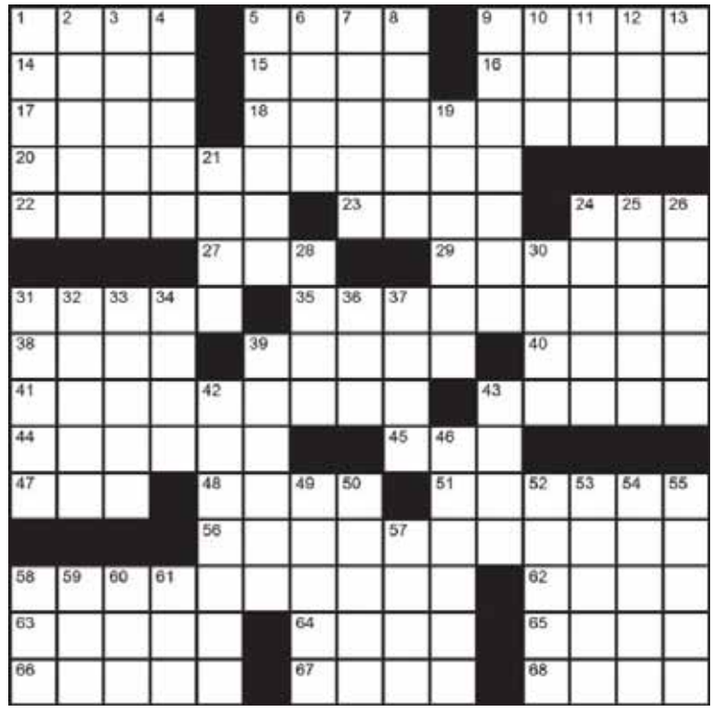

ACROSS
1. USSR, to Russians
5. "Yummy Yummy Yummy": 1968 hit for __ Express
9. Aussie actress from "Lost", Emilie de __
14. Pick up on sound
15. Crazes
16. Ludicrous
17. Spaghetti __ Carbonara
18. The world's deepest underground what can be found near Sudbury?: 2 wds.
20. Prince Harry's status as a Royal: 3 wds.
22. __ Haggen (Deputy on "Gunsmoke")
23. Cobblestone
24. Pressure meas.
27. Chitchat
29. Emulated a lion
31. Billy Idol tune: "__ for Fantasy"
35. Holly Cole song that goes: "I'm a bit unstable, she said with a Cheshire grin.": 2 wds.
38. Halo
39. Movie-makers Joel and Ethan
40. Drift
41. English and French
43. Minds
44. Jacqueline __, Valley of the Dolls novelist
45. Corporate executive, e.g.
47. Cornerstone abbr.
48. Tends to the lawn
51. Spouse's family, to you
56. Gibeau __ __ (Montreal's big circular roadside attraction that sells a drink of the same name)
58. Louise __, Montreal-born dancer famed for her work with La La La Human Steps
62. Within earshot
63. Mindful
64. On __ (Without a contract)
65. Terrain quantity
66. Relinquished
67. Present
68. Dog, with Terrier

DOWN
1. Threshing remnant
2. Whoopi Goldberg's role in "The Color Purple" (1985)
3. Belonging to the young cow
4. Reality star Spencer
5. Leaning Tower __ __
6. Violinist, Hilary __
7. Lovely/rustic poems
8. Actor/director Mr. Davis
9. Saskatchewan hamlet southeast of Regina
10. Brief reply?
11. Mr. Kilmer
12. 'Tsar' suffix (Russian empress)
13. Bird bill
19. Prefaces, commonly
21. Mr. Jackman
24. Former
25. Wait on
26. Lazes
28. Baseball great Mr. Powell
30. Taj Mahal's site
31. Bogus
32. Hawaiian parties
33. Accounting firm, __ & Young
34. Soap opera, basically
36. Society notice word
37. Etched [abbr.]
39. 'The Heart of Good Spirit Country' in Saskatchewan
42. Still in the same position
43. And, in a sentence, briefly
46. Intense
49. Family on "Beverly Hills, 90210"
50. Straight-billed marsh bird
52. Large green moths
53. Smart __ (Wiseguy)
54. Tired
55. Shopper's fun time
57. Actor Will
58. Beach site, in Quebec
59. Meadows mom
60. Scoundrel
61. "What __ the odds?"

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You need to identify your priorities and decide what is you desire most from life. If that means rejecting what other people want you to do then so be it.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will say something silly today. No doubt you will be embarrassed when you realize later that your words were out of order but for now you just don't care — and maybe you should care less often.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Hopefully you have not flashed the cash too much over the past few days, because if you have you will need to make sacrifices today and over the weekend.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Take what friends and colleagues tell you with a large pinch of salt. Good advice will be hard to come by, but bad advice will come at you from all directions.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Until the full moon wanes over the weekend it might be wise not to exert yourself too much physically, especially if you are one of those Leos who likes to push themselves to extremes.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your creative juices may be flowing but others don't seem as responsive to your ideas as they should be. But who says you need their approval? Just get on and do it by yourself.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There is tension between your professional and private life and you need to find a compromise. You can't give both your all at the same time, so be sensible and compartmentalize your time and energy.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will speak your mind and it's possible that your stance will put you in a minority of one, but that won't worry you in the slightest.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
According to the planets you have overlooked something small but important and it will come back to haunt you unless you find out what it is and deal with it. Do the hard work today and leave the weekend free.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The more you try to put your needs first today the more people will demand that you take care of their needs first. Just this once it might be wise to give in to their demands.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Chances are you feel less than confident at the moment. The good news is that come the weekend your mood will have improved considerably.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The advice you get from a friend may be well-meaning but can you trust it? According to the planets they don't really know what they are talking about, so thank them and do what your inner voice tells you instead.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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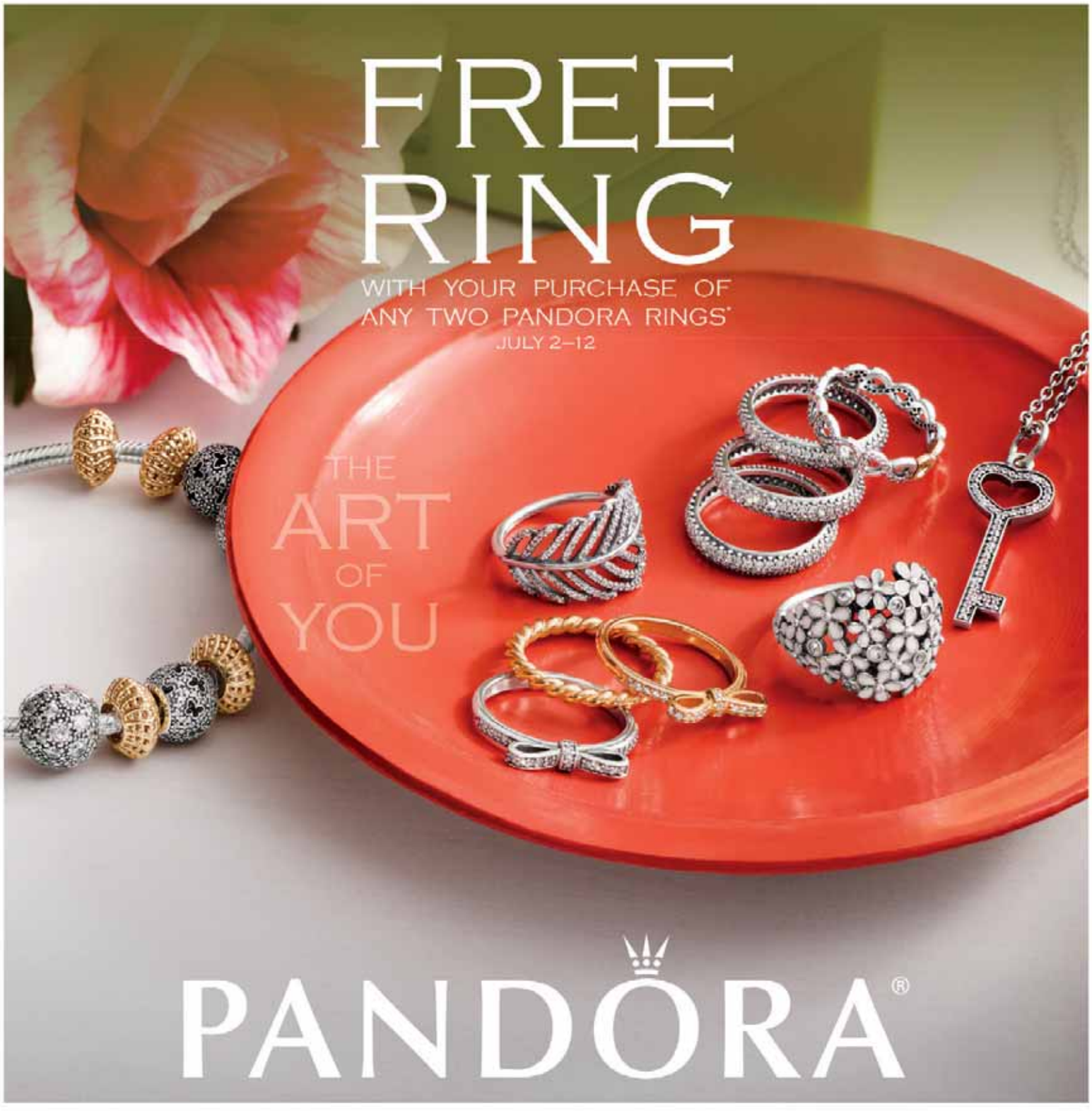

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